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**Documents considered to be relevant:**

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X,E	1, 2, 18-21 at least	WO 2007/119079 A ✓ <span style="float: right;">1-22-10</span> (LUCITE INT UK LTD) see abstract & Chem. Abs No. 147:479320
X	1, 2, 18-21 at least	WO 2007/020379 A (LUCITE INT UK LTD) see whole document, especially abstract, the generic structure shown on pages 10-11 and in claim 4
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X	1, 2, 18-21 at least	WO 96/19434 A ✓ <span style="float: right;">2/2/09</span> (ICI PLC) see whole document, especially the generic structures shown on pages 2-3 and in the claims
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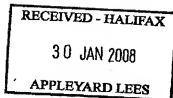
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